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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: Patent Application

Applicant(s):	Oostman et al.	Docket No:	P-5366.C2
Serial No.:	10/688,131	Group Art Unit:	2884
Filing Date:	10/17/2003	Examiner:	Hannaher, Constantine
For:	<b>Fluorescent Detection Instrument with Reflective Transfer Legs for Color Decimation</b>		

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §120 for the benefit of a prior-filed application.

The reference required by 35 U.S.C. §120 and 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2) to the prior-filed application was previously submitted in a preliminary amendment on February 23, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t), that is the amount of **\$1,370.00**, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number **02-1666**. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

Applicants hereby state that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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- **Petition Under 37 C.F.R § 1.78(a)(3) (1 page, in duplicate);**
- **Return Receipt Postcard (1 page).**

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